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# SHAWNEE NATIONAL FOREST

**Spring and Summer 2012  
Programs and Activities**



Shawnee National Forest Headquarters  
50 Highway 145 South  
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Mon-Fri 8AM – 4:30PM  
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\* Registration not necessary unless specified\*

\*All programs are free\*

## APRIL

### Young Trekkers – Trees are Terrific

**Wed., April 4th**  
**4PM-5PM**

Increase your nature knowledge and have fun in the outdoors! Programs include hiking, activities and take-homes to use on your future nature excursions. Pre-registration required...sign up for one or for all! For grades 1-5.

**April 11** FIRE! Wild & Prescribed

**May 2** Wild About Wildlife

**May 16** Where are We? An Orienteering Adventure

**May 30** Aquatics

**Location:** Lincoln Memorial Picnic Grounds – meet at pavilion

**Contact:** Mississippi Bluffs Ranger Station, 618-833-8576

### LaRue-Pine Hills Appreciation Day

**Saturday, April 14th**  
**9:30AM-2PM**

Join us for a day in nature...enjoy guided field trips to see unique birds, wildflowers, reptiles, aquatic life, geologic features, plant communities, and more in the world-renowned LaRue-Pine Hills Research Natural Area. Kid's activities provided (ages 5-10).

**Location:** Trail of Tears State Forest; Pavilion on State Forest Road

**Contact:** Forest Headquarters, 618-253-7114

### Little Grand Canyon Hike

**Friday, April 20th**  
**9:30AM**

Take a guided hike into the canyon and see why it was designated a National Natural Landmark. Be prepared for a moderate to difficult 3-mile hike. Meet at the trailhead.

**Location:** Little Grand Canyon, Hickory Ridge Road

**Contact:** Mississippi Bluffs Ranger Station, 618-833-8576

### Birding the Bottomlands

**Saturday, April 21st**  
**6AM-3PM**

Celebrate the birds of southern Illinois at this multi-agency event. Join birding experts at sites along the Mississippi River bottomlands and then fly over to Ft. Kaskaskia to enjoy live bird show, birding demonstrations and agency booths.

**Location:** Various birding locations as well as Ft. Kaskaskia in Chester, IL

**Contact:** Middle Mississippi River Partnership, [www.swircd.org/mmrp/events.htm](http://www.swircd.org/mmrp/events.htm) or Mississippi Bluffs Ranger Station, 618-833-8576

## MAY

### Campfire Program

**Saturday, May 19th  
7PM**

Nocturnal animals have special adaptations that allow them to be active and survive at night. Learn about these creature's habits and how to identify their sounds, tracks and other signs that they are around.

**Location:** Johnson Creek Recreation Area – Pavilion by beach area

**Contact:** Mississippi Bluffs Ranger Station, 618-833-8576

### Green Fire - Documentary

**Thursday, May 10th  
7PM**

A documentary film about legendary environmentalist, Aldo Leopold, the film *Green Fire* highlights Leopold's extraordinary career, tracing how he shaped and influenced the modern environmental movement. Leopold remains relevant today, inspiring projects all over the country that connect people and land.

**Location:** Shawnee National Forest Headquarters, Harrisburg, IL

**Contact:** Forest Headquarters, 618-253-7114

## JUNE

### Glen O. Jones Fishing Derby

**Saturday, June 9th  
8AM-1PM**

**Registration:** 7:30 AM

Prizes will be awarded for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> places in different fishing categories. Children will sign up by age.

**Location:** Glen O. Jones Lake, Equality, IL

**Contact:** Forest Headquarters, 618-253-7114

### Lake Glendale Fishing Derby

**Saturday, June 9th  
8AM-1PM**

**Registration:** 7:30AM

Prizes will be awarded for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> places in different fishing categories. Children will sign up by age. Nature activities provided.

**Location:** Lake Glendale Recreation Area, Glendale, IL

**Contact:** Hidden Springs Ranger District, 618-658-2111

### *Arborwild!*

*(event offered twice)*

**Tuesday, June 12th -Carbondale**

**Wednesday, June 13th -Harrisburg**

**9AM-1PM**

Children & their families are invited to come & learn about topics such as recycling, fishing, birding, trees, mammal ID, cultural heritage & wildland fires. Special guest appearance by Smokey Bear and Woodsy Owl.

**Location:** Evergreen Park, Carbondale, IL

Memorial Park near bandstand, Harrisburg, IL

**Contact:** Mississippi Bluffs Ranger Station, 618-833-8576

# Shawnee Spring Service Days

Enjoy the beauty of the Shawnee while making a difference on your national forest. Join the Shawnee Volunteer Corps in building and/or maintaining trails in different areas of the Forest.

**April 7, 14, 21, 28 th** - Panther Den Wilderness

**April 15 th** - River to River Trail at Camp Cadiz

**May 13th** – Garden of the Gods

**May 19th** - Garden of the Gods

**Preregistration** required for all workdays.

**Location:** Meeting place TBD

**Time:** 9:30AM – 4:30PM

**Contact:** Mississippi Bluffs Ranger Station, 618-833-8576 Ext. 103 or  
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